# By the Queene.

THe Queenes Maieſtie vnderſtanding the great diſorder that of late hath beene, and yet is daily vſed, in and about the Cities of London and Weſtminſter, and eſpecially in & about Weſtminſter hall, and the pallace of Weſtminſter, by diuers light and euil diſpoſed perſons, who in great routes and companies haue aſſembled themſelues together, againſt ſuch as be informers vpon penall lawes and ſtatutes, commonly called Promoters. And ſo being aſſembled, haue not onely beaten, and very euill intreated diuers of the ſame informers: but alſo haue made great outcries againſt the ſame perſons, whereby the Courts and places of iuſtice in Weſtminſter hall, and other places thereabouts, haue bene much diſquieted and troubled, and the Queenes Maieſties peace broken, whereof great miſchiefe and inconuenience might likely growe, if ſpeedie remedie be not therein prouided.

Wherefore, her Maieſtie doeth ſtraightly charge and command all perſons, that they, nor any of them, doe hereafter commit or doe, or conſent, or procure to bee committed or done, any ſuch diſorder or miſbehauiour by any act, deede or wordes, openly or ſecretly againſt any ſuch informers, or againſt any other perſon or perſons, in any the places aforeſaide, or in any other place within this Realme, vpon paine to ſuffer impriſonment of their bodies by the ſpace of three moneths, without baile or mainepriſe, and alſo to haue ſuch further open puniſhment for their offences by whipping, ſtanding vpon the pillorie, or otherwiſe, as by her Maieſties Counſell of her Highneſſe Court of Starre-chamber ſhalbe iudged and ordered. And further, her Maieſties pleaſure and expreſſe commandement is, that diligent inquirie ſhalbe made of ſuch, as haue beene offenders in any the premiſſes, to the intent that due and condigne puniſhment and correction may be to them miniſtred, according to their offences. And that all Iuſtices, Officers and miniſters, ſhall in all places where ſuch offences ſhall happen hereafter to be committed, cauſe the offenders, their procurers, and abetters, to be apprehended and taken, and preſently to be committed to ſome priſon, there to remaine in ſafe keeping, vntill they may be brought before her Maieſties ſaide Counſell in the Starre-chamber, there to be ordered to ſuch puniſhment, as by the ſaide Counſell ſhall be thought conuenient.

Giuen at her Maieſties pallace of Weſtminſter, the tenth day of Nouember 1566. in the eight yeere of her Maieſties reigne.

God ſaue the Queene.

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